



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 21

The State Firemen's Convention assembled in the Opera House in this city today. There is a large attendance of delegates, while many individual members of the various fire companies of the Old Dominion are here, some accompanied by their families. The community has vied with the general committee of the fire association of this city in making preparations for the reception and entertainment of the visitors, and everything possible will be done to make their stay in the city pleasant. Firemen are a prime essential to every community, as they prove friends indeed at times when we are often excited, alarmed and, in a measure, unable to help ourselves. In such emergencies the firemen, leaving their beds at the sound of the alarm, often risk their lives in performing gratuitous and willing service for their fellow-men. That they should be appreciated and encouraged goes without saying. The gathering in Alexandria today is composed of representative men of Virginia and contiguous cities. The evolution of the fire department has been marvellous in recent years. In the olden time firemen were compelled to battle with conflagrations with a huge syringe or squirt. Such a contrivance was filled with water and after having been placed upon the shoulders of two men a third operated a plunger. In other instances ox intestines, were utilized as hose and were run from bags filled with water which upon being pressed managed to send a stream a few feet. Many now living remember the old bucket brigades and the law which compelled every house owner to keep two of those utensils on his or her premises and bring them out when a fire alarm was sounded. A line was formed from a pump to the scene of the conflagration and while some pumped and filled the buckets those composing the line passed the receptacles from one to another until they reached men who threw the contents into the blaze. The empty buckets were returned to the pump by another human line. Women often figured in these lines. With such procedures there is no wonder the great fire in London continued two weeks and it became necessary to enact curfew laws which compelled housekeepers to extinguish fires and lights at 8 o'clock at night. All such primitive customs have long since passed away and the modern fire department, equipped with powerful steam engines, water towers, trucks, chemical engines, etc., is at fires and at work almost before the occupants of burning houses can get out of them. The members of the organizations are not rowdies, animated by excitement, plunder, or a propensity for a free-for-all fight, but are of a good class of citizens, inspired with a sense of duty and an earnest desire to perform their duty at a moment's notice.

TURN about is fair play in politics as well as in other games, and this has proved the case in the governorship race in Georgia, decided in the primary election yesterday. Mr. Hoke Smith will be the next governor of Georgia. He has decisively beaten "Joe" Brown, who wrested the office from him two years ago, after Smith had "fired" Brown from the railroad commission. The chances are that Smith will carry eighty counties or more and that his majority will reach 10,000. Two years ago Brown carried the state by nearly 10,000 over Smith. Smith has won in the cities as well as in the country. Smith has stood on the platform of "progressive democracy," fighting for the preservation of the railroad commission as at present constituted, for the present registration law, which was one of his measures, and for an anti-lobby bill. In the Congress districts the indications are that Livingston, representative from the fifth, who is charged with leading the Georgia delegation over to Cannon, has met defeat at the hands of William Schley Howard. The charge of "Cannonism" cost Livingston hundreds of votes. Congressman Hardwick, of the Tenth district, who has been bitterly fought by Thomas Watson, has won over his combined opposition.

MR. HARRY L. MAYNARD, who for the past ten years has represented the Second, the Norfolk, Virginia district, in Congress, was yesterday defeated for re-nomination by Former Congressman W. A. Young in the democratic primaries. Mr. Maynard has been a faithful and hard working member, but his fate was that of all public men if they stay long enough in the field of politics.

This preliminary report of the commissioner of internal revenue not only

indicates an increase in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, but also of tobacco and cigarettes. The receipts from the tax on distilled spirits in the last fiscal year amounted to \$148,029,211, against \$134,868,034 for the preceding year. This is proof positive that prohibition does not prohibit.

MRS. JAMES H. HAGGIN has caused a stir in Newport by the introduction at her villa of Countess Thamar de Swisky, who in scant attire gave a barefoot dance and is soon to give another. The attire must have been scant indeed to have caused a stir at Newport!

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette)

Wilkinson Call, of Florida, for eighteen years a member of the U. S. Senate, died in the Emergency Hospital here today as the result of a stroke of apoplexy sustained Saturday afternoon. The former senator fell at his home and never regained consciousness. Miss Lucy Call, a daughter, who is an actress, was at his bedside when he died. Call was born in Russellville, Ky., in 1834. He was elected to the Senate directly after the civil war but did not take his seat. He was elected the second time in 1878, succeeding Simon B. Conover, and served continuously for eighteen years. Since 1897 he has practiced law in Jacksonville, but maintained his home in this city.

Fifty experienced men were today ordered by Associate Forester Potter to proceed at once to District Forester Greely, in Montana, to alleviate conditions there caused by the inexperience of the new recruits. The men will be sent from Ogden, Utah. The State of Idaho today designated a company of State militia to assist in extinguishing the fires, according to dispatches received at the War Department. The department has issued rations for 10 days to the state troops. Washington state has also added another company of state militia to the fighting force. The War Department today ordered a complete army pack train dispatched from Omaha to Balton, Mon., with medical supplies, for work along the fire lines.

By catching a baseball tossed from the window of the Washington monument, a point five hundred feet from the ground, "Billy" Sullivan, catcher of the Chicago White Sox, today placed himself in a class hitherto occupied only by supremacy by "Charlie" Street, of the Washington backstop. "Ed" Walsh, Chicago's star twirler, went to the top of the monument and tossed the ball to Sullivan. Seven times the wind currents and the terrific speed attained by the ball made it impossible for Sullivan to gather it in his mitt. The eighth ball went solidly into the big glove, however, and Sullivan clung to it, as his comrades cheered. The ninth ball was also caught. Sullivan missed the tenth and then captured the eleventh. Feeling satisfied with his performance, he took no further chances of breaking his hands. Several times Sullivan nearly fell and his friends say he is lucky to have escaped injury. Hundreds of ball players have tried in vain to accomplish the feat.

Revenue service officers yesterday took charge of a "moonshine" still, with the output, it is said, of a hundred gallons of contraband whisky a day. The still was operated practically within the shadow of the National Capitol and had "affiliations" with a large wholesale house for the sale of its "corn juice." A large amount of the illicit whisky has been confiscated. The discovery was made through the arrest of Samuel Gomillion, a negro, who was found driving a wagon in which there was a full barrel of corn whisky without revenue stamp. The revenue officers assert that the negro was on his way to the wholesale house which acts as a front for the still. Gomillion was arrested but refused to talk, beyond saying that he was hired to call for the whisky. The revenue officers were put on the trail through the recent perjury of a brand of "fire water" among the negroes of this city.

Consular advice from various Central American points received at the State Department today traced the flight of Dr. Madrid, deposed Nicaraguan president, with his subordinate officials, Irias, Ortiz, Vasquez, Chavarria, and seventy others, to Costa Rica. Reports of disturbances near Corinto were contradicted today by messages from Consul Johnson, who is stationed at that city. The State Department was advised today that one of the first acts of General Estrada, since his victory, was to make a sweeping revision of the Nicaragua tariff adjusting free of duty food supplies, soap, quinine, purgative salts and disinfectants. The department is informed that Estrada proposes to use every possible means of restoring prosperity to the country in the quickest possible manner.

The U. S. Consul General at Winnipeg, Canada, today reported to the State Department that Canadian farmers in that vicinity had adopted a resolution recommending a reciprocal tariff agreement between the United States and Canada. It is believed here today that the United States will supervise the election which must be held in Nicaragua within six months, in order to establish a regular form of government. While the State Department is non-committal on the subject, it was learned on good authority that such action is planned in order to ensure peace and order, as well as to protect foreign interests. It is believed that the provisional government would offer no objection, and probably would welcome the supervision of Uncle Sam. Under a decree issued by Jose Dolores Estrada, acting president, the government is in the hands of a peace commission, which will make General Juan Estrada provincial president. Juan Estrada's friendly relations with the United States lead to the belief that he will readily accept a suggestion that will ensure a peaceful election. He has repeatedly announced that such an election is the object for which he has been conducting the revolution. The United States would merely undertake to preserve order, and would take no part whatever in the election in any other manner.

THE FOREST FIRES.

Many Lives Lost and Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

Spokane, Wn., Aug. 24.—The end of the northwestern forest fire horror is not in sight, despite the improved conditions, according to today's reports to the United States Forestry Office from all parts of the fire zone. Aside from the many reported disasters to forest rangers, the forestry officials both here and at Missoula declared that on conservative estimates, about 76 men, women and children, have perished, and that the loss to timber will be not less than \$10,000,000. They said they could not estimate the damage to other property.

In the Bear Tooth forest the conditions are most serious, and the Gallatin county fires along the edge of Yellowstone Park are as bad as ever. Reports from several Montana points early today are that light rains have begun to fall, and that it is believed the worst is over in those sections. Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 24.—The United States troops fighting the forest fires in the Tahoe national forest, Placer county, are making little progress. The flames are spreading rapidly through Placer and Eldorado counties, and are edging over towards Lake Tahoe from Michigan Bluff. The property loss will be enormous, but no lives have been lost.

Five fires are raging in Siskiyou, Trinity and Shasta counties, California. Three thousand acres of land have been laid waste and the town of Minersville and Beegum are in danger. Back firing was begun today.

Preparing for Demonstrations. Madrid, Aug. 24.—Defeated in its plans for a monster pro-church demonstration at San Sebastian on August 7, the Spanish clerical party is completing arrangements for a tremendous showing of strength throughout the entire country in September. Instead of one gigantic demonstration which, as in the case at San Sebastian, the government showed it could prevent by seizing the means of transportation, hundreds of smaller meetings will be held. This scheme will have the double advantage of permitting a large number of Catholics and Carlists to participate and will also make it impossible for the government to mass troops to advantage.

The various local committees of clericals have formed a general organization since August 7 and have a powerful central committee which is working with the Carlists. A formidable group of financiers is also said to be working with the clericals, hoping to bring about a slump in securities so that they may buy them in at a low figure.

HIBERNIANS.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Virginia opened its annual convention yesterday morning at Murphy's Hotel. Richmond, the business session being preceded by solemn high mass at St. Peter's Church. Meeting in the adjoining hall to the convention proper is the Ladies' Auxiliary, in which more than 100 women are in attendance. The program includes many social features as well as the transaction of business of importance to the order.

A joint meeting was held of the Hibernians and Auxiliary in the banquet room at Murphy's. Thomas A. Reddin, of Richmond, county president, introduced Mayor D. C. Richardson, who delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the city, in which he especially praised loyalty and patriotism, two of the watchwords on which the Ancient Order of Hibernians was founded.

Capt. A. McHugh, of Roanoke, responded to the address of welcome. Maurice A. Powers, state president of the order, and others made addresses, warmly welcoming the delegates to Richmond.

Business meetings were then held separately of the Hibernians and the Auxiliary, both meetings being of an executive character for the transaction of business matters. Several committees were named, and the reports of the various officers were read and discussed. All of the visiting delegates were entertained at Lakeside Park yesterday afternoon at a reception given by local members of the order. The business session will end today.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Cholera in Russia.

London, Aug. 24.—The cholera epidemic in Russia and the southeastern part of Italy is seriously interfering with tourist travel. Practically the entire Russian frontier is under quarantine. Rumania is taking the lead in cutting off travel with Russia, lining her frontier with troops. Today's dispatches say that the disease is increasing in southern Russia, but is on the decrease in St. Petersburg. It is persistently reported that cases have appeared in Milan and that the situation in Italy is serious. A number of cases are reported from Turkey.

The Sonder Prizes.

Beverly, Aug. 24.—The chief feature of interest today was the presentation to the winner of the sonder class race of the cup bearing the name of President Taft on board the Mayflower this afternoon. The Mayflower is moored off Burgess Point and the American and Spanish racing crews, and the racing committee, were entertained at luncheon on board.

Apart from this ceremony, the day was a quiet one at the summer capital. Charles Francis Adams, 2nd., replied to the president's speech of presentation. The Spanish Minister and the unsuccessful Spanish contestants for the Taft and Draper cups were present. At the luncheon toasts were drunk to the president of the United States and King Alfonso, of Spain.

Strike to be Called Off. Pittsburgh, Aug. 24.—Official notification was sent today to members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana, that the strike against the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company will be called off Saturday. About 7,000 men are affected.

In buying a cough medicine, don't be afraid to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is sure to follow. Especially recommended for coughs, colds and whooping cough. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

IN HOLIDAY GARR.

State Firemen's Convention Meets in Opera House—Alexandria Gaily Decorated—Many Visitors in the City—Local Firemen Busy in Extending Heavy Welcomes—Gay Scenes Last Night.

The Virginia State Firemen's Convention convened in this city today. Delegates from nearly every city in the Old Dominion are present, as well as delegations from most of the fire organizations of the state. Extensive preparations for the reception and entertainment of the delegates and other firemen and visitors have been made, and the various committees have performed their work well.

The main streets of the city were thronged last night with delegates to the convention and others who are visiting Alexandria for the purpose of attending the convention and witnessing the parade and the tests.

Many Washingtonians and people living near Alexandria mingled with the revelers. Automobiles and other vehicles, filled with joy riders, were passing to and fro, while crowds surged here and there. There was joy in the air, and whistles, horns, catcalls, etc., were in evidence. Paper caps, resembling those worn by chief cooks in hotels, suddenly became fashionable, and many men, boys and girls donned them. Every one who could procure a horn used it ad libitum.

The intersection of King and Washington streets was the scene of the greatest animation. A stand had been erected on Washington street, in front of the Young People's Building, for the accommodation of the Harrison band, which discoursed fine music during the earlier part of the night.

The many electric bulbs which had been placed on buildings on King street and the hundreds of flags, steamers, etc., added pith to the occasion.

The number of visitors to this city was greatly augmented this morning after other organizations had arrived. The various committees were active in escorting the visitors from point to point, and nothing was left undone that could have added to the entertainment of the delegates and their friends.

The Harrisonburg company, which arrived yesterday, composed of 70 men and a band of 23 pieces; the Charlottesville company, numbers 41 men and a drum corps of 10 pieces; the Lexington company, 40 men; the Staunton company, 26 men; the Covington company, 35 men, and the Danville company 15 men.

Many of the firemen who arrived yesterday were accompanied by members of their families.

The Danville and Pocahontas companies arrived last night. The companies from Hampton and Newport News arrived at an early hour this morning on the steamer Southland. The members of the organization were taken in charge by the reception committee as soon as they reached this city.

THE CONVENTION.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Convention met at the Opera House at 2 o'clock and was called to order by President J. R. N. Curtis, of the association. Mr. George G. Cummings, of Portsmouth, secretary, was in his place.

Nearly 200 delegates answered roll call and considerable animation was displayed in the preliminary proceedings. The Alexandria band played a few popular airs and following this President Curtis rapped for order and the chaplain invoked the blessings of Jehovah upon the association. Mr. Curtis then introduced Hon. C. C. Carlin. He spoke of the oppressive heat and the desire of the convention to dispatch business. His anecdotes greatly enjoyed. His one purpose he said was to add a word of welcome and good cheer to the noble firemen who are visiting here. He spoke of his own personal experience with fire and paid a high compliment to the Alexandria department in their work. From the congressman's speech it is evident that he has studied the history of the world in regard to the demon-fire. It was a happy welcoming speech in the reception of Alexandria's visitors and was received with tumultuous applause. Mr. Carlin spoke of the legislature's act in helping the firemen. He said he knew the law was being contested in the courts, but he hoped the act of the Virginians in legislatures assembled would be upheld by the highest tribunals of the state.

After the excellent speech of Mr. Carlin the chairman introduced the mayor who in his usual happy style welcomed the firemen. He referred to the desire of some people to annex Alexandria to the District of Columbia, but he said he had reason to believe that this would never happen. He closed his remarks with complimenting highly the firemen of the city and state. He then turned the keys of the city over to the visitors. The band again enlivened the occasion with music.

The chairman then introduced Capt. J. H. Trimyer, who went into detail as to the working of the fire department and made a good impression on his audience. His remarks, which were practical, were well received. Mr. Trimyer's remarks were instructive and proved that he had carefully studied his subject. He spoke of the intent of the volunteer fire department in the near future to erect a statue to George Washington as a volunteer fireman.

Capt. R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, was then introduced and spoke on behalf of the State Firemen's Association. He was warmly welcomed and made a happy speech, with a delivery and a logic, seldom heard on the Opera House stage. He spoke of the work of the association and praised the hospitality of Alexandria.

After Capt. Marshall's speech the reading of the committees by the secretary took place and the active work of the association was entered into. The following committees were appointed: Credential committee—S. C. Marshall, Portsmouth; H. M. Wright, Bedford City; O. B. Roller, Harrisonburg; C. Strangler, Phoebus; D. C. Bell, Norfolk, and J. P. Matthews, Clifton Forge. Officers' reports—L. E. Luckabill, Roanoke; P. F. Gorman, Jr., Alexandria; J. R. Brayles, Luray, and C. L. Overholt, Covington.

Resolutions committee—John H. Redwood, Richmond; John Leadbeater, Alexandria; C. C. Conrade, Shenandoah; J. H. Robinson, Fredericksburg; Dr. C. W. Poindexter, Charlottesville; and Chas. H. Hewins, Hampton.

Committee on exhibits—John H. Trimyer, Alexandria; H. S. Eley, Suffolk, and C. P. Holliman, Portsmouth. The convention will adjourn at 5:30 to meet again at 8 o'clock.

The meeting this afternoon was preliminary in the organization of the convention, the real business of the convention will take place tonight.

TOMORROW'S PARADE.

The feature of the day tomorrow will be the parade, the formation of which will be as follows:

Platoon Mounted Police.
Naval Gun Factory Band.
J. Sidney Douglas, Chief Marshal.
Kenneth W. Ogden, Chief of Staff.
AIDES.
R. F. Downham and P. T. Harrington, Friendship.
E. Stuart Smith and W. C. Cleveland, Relief No. 1.
John Leadbeater and W. C. Baggett, Columbia No. 4.
R. D. Catts and Kenneth W. Ogden, Columbia No. 4.
Chief of Alexandria Fire Department, Geo. W. Pettey.

Friendship Veteran Association and apparatus, H. Freidlander, Marshal.
Relief Hook and Ladder Company, apparatus and band—Marshal, Joseph DeSilva.

Columbia Engine Company, No. 4, apparatus and band—Marshal, Geo. A. Norris.
Reliance Engine Company, No. 5, apparatus and band—Marshal, Smith Williams.

Detail Washington Fire Department.
Harrisonburg Fire Department with band.
Lexington.
Front Royal.

Newport News Eagle Engine Company, No. 3, with band.
Shenandoah.
Alta Vista.
Danville.

Charlottesville and band.
Stair.
Clifton Forge.
Covington.
Phoebus and band.
Hampton.

Newport News Rescue Engine and Truck Company No. 1.
Newport News La France Engine Company No. 2.
Portsmouth Annex, No. 4, with band.
Luray.

Strasburg.
Woodstock.
Suffolk and band.
Portsmouth Park View No. 3.
Pocahontas.

Fredericksburg.
The route as published yesterday will be as follows:

Form on upper Duke street, right resting on Washington, down Duke to Lee, out Lee to Prince up Prince to West, out West to King; down King to Washington, out Washington to Wythe; counter march on Washington to King, down King to Royal, out Royal to Cameron, down Cameron to Fairfax, out Fairfax to King, up King to Royal, out Royal to Prince and disband.

After the parade the visiting firemen will be given lunch in Armory Hall. At 8 o'clock tonight a band concert will be given at the corner of Washington and King streets.

The following was received from Washington today:
Mr. J. Y. Williams, Alexandria, Virginia.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and in reply beg to state that the fireboat Firefighter will arrive at Alexandria at 10:30 a. m. on the 25th instant and before landing at the wharf will give an exhibition of water throwing. The fireboat will also bring the men from this department who are to participate in the parade and they will report to Chief Petty at noon.

Respectfully,
A. J. Sullivan, acting chief engineer.

The Firefighter will come to the Cameron street dock and the demonstration will take place from that point. NOTES.
Mr. J. H. Trimyer will tonight read a carefully prepared paper on the necessity of the fire drills in the public school. Other papers will be read and the convention will cease its labors about midnight.

Mr. J. Vincent Perley, a member of 54 orders and treasurer of 14, is here as commander of the Charlottesville company and is proud of his contingent, consisting of 45 men.

Among the many prominent firemen present are L. E. Lookabill, member of the executive committee, of Roanoke; Capt. R. C. Marshall, Chamberlain, Fire Department, Portsmouth; Mr. T. J. Williams, one of the oldest volunteer firemen in point of service in the state, who hails from Charlottesville, and Mr. George G. Cummings, secretary of the association since its organization.

A number of peddlers had taken positions on King street this morning. They were selling slim canes to which flags were attached, buttons, badges, medals, paper caps, horns, catcalls, whistles and the thousand one things which figure on gala days. As usual on such occasions, several strange mendicants were on the streets.

King street has been a veritable bazaar, and the electric trains have landed visitors all day.

Canal Mule Doomed.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., Aug. 24.—The days of the canal mule at last seem numbered, as the result of repeated experiment by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and tugs promise to become the power to move the coal-laden chulkers on the company's canal.

After trying different electrical appliances during the past few years and finding that it was not feasible to use electricity, a coal-laden barge, bound for Bristol, was taken in tow by a tug and made four miles per hour. It went over the nine miles level in 2-1/4 hours, which is about two hours and a half less than it is generally done by mule power. Other tests are to be made by the steamer this week, and if successful, the mule will have to go.

Several years ago the company built a trolley line along the towpath from here to Coalport and Weissport for the purpose of moving the boats, but it was found inexpedient, and the mule was again brought into service.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

President Taft, in his "keynote" letter, will favor a further revision of the tariff.

Five hundred colored doctors, dentists and pharmacists are attending their medical convention in Washington.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles held the first business session of the convention at St. Louis yesterday.

A man shot and killed himself at a hotel in New York, yesterday, after leaving a note saying he wished to free his wife.

After a successful business trip a rich clothing manufacturer returned home and committed suicide by shooting himself in New York yesterday.

Two hundred and fifty chiefs of the fire departments from every city of importance in this country and Canada, and even from far-off Honolulu, were present when the thirty-eighth annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers opened at Syracuse, N. Y., yesterday.

Resolutions to the effect that undue alarm has been caused by reports of infantile paralysis in Washington were adopted last night by the District Medical Association at whose session Dr. William Osler was a prominent adviser.

The Government of Costa Rica, after months of delay, has finally approved the protocol drawn in Washington for the settlement of the boundary dispute between that country and Panama. This information was received at the State Department yesterday from American Minister Merry, accredited to Costa Rica.

The new oil burning torpedo boat destroyer Paulding broke all records yesterday for her class in trial trips; her fastest mile was at the rate of 33.93 knots, almost two knots in excess of the fastest mile made by the Roe.

Advices from the American consul at Managua, Nicaragua, tell of the escape of Madrid under fire, the disorder in the city after a plot to blow up the prison had been discovered and Jose Estrada's assumption of the presidency.

Williams Barnes, Jr., issued a statement attacking Lloyd C. Griscom for "interjecting" Colonel Roosevelt's name before the New York state committee after Mr. Sherman had been placed in nomination, and declaring that President Taft was not responsible for and had not been consulted concerning the choice of the vice-president.

Judge Putnam, in the Brooklyn Supreme Court, handed down a decision yesterday finding Henry B. Needham, a magazine writer and formerly a member of Theodore Roosevelt's "tennis cabinet," guilty of contempt of court for non-payment of alimony covering several months and amounting to about \$1,400. Needham entered a petition asking that the weekly payment of \$50 be reduced to \$15, giving a decrease of income as the reason. This Justice Putnam denied.

Mrs. "Jack" Cudaly filed suit for divorce in Judge Stover's court at Kansas, yesterday. The petition was on account of "incompatibility." It had been agreed that the four children should be given to the care of Mr. Cudaly's father, Michael Cudaly, of Omaha. Mrs. Cudaly, who on the stand ten minutes only, and immediately after her testimony, that her husband had treated her cruelly, a decree of divorce was granted her.

A special from Wallace, Wash., says that Forest Supervisor Weigle has received word that 200 men, under Chief Ranger Kootkey, perished in camp near Falcon, at the headwaters of the St. Joe river. The other loss of life is estimated at 100. Reports were circulated yesterday that incendiaries attempted to spread new fires at St. Regis Monday night. The charges were made that unidentified persons were detected burning burning brands among the buildings in the business quarter of the old town.

During a quarrel at their home in Philadelphia yesterday, Elwood M. Smith, a contractor, well known among horsemen, shot his wife in the breast and then fired a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly. Mrs. Smith expired on the way to the hospital. The couple had been separated for six months but a reconciliation was effected Monday night. About noon yesterday, however, Smith's voice was heard in angry tones and a few moments later the two shots rang out. The Smiths leave three children.

Mr. Roosevelt wound up the first day of his pilgrimage into the west by placing himself directly in opposition to Vice-president Sherman. Speaking yesterday in the vice-president's own county in New York he warmly endorsed State Senator Frederick Davenport, who is a staunch progressive, and whom Mr. Sherman has said that he would not support. Mr. Sherman was out of town yesterday in Utica and did not see Mr. Roosevelt.

The Crippen Case a Set!

London, Aug. 24.—A rumor that made the rounds of the newspaper offices today, but which was considered so fantastic that it was not published, was that the "Crippen case" is a theatrical advertising scheme, and that as soon as the fiasco is exposed, all those concerned on it will go on the variety stage.

Dr. Crippen's wife, Belle Elmore, is now in hiding, according to the rumor, awaiting the psychological moment to put in an appearance. The body supposed to be that of Mrs. Crippen was an unrecognizable mass of material that Crippen "planted" in the cellar of his house in such a manner as to give the appearance of murder.

Incidentally, it is said that those involved in the alleged hoax are laying the basis for an avalanche of libel suits.

Sit in Rain to Save Tents.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 24.—Shivering in their night clothes, nearly 1,000 campers at the Seventh Day Adventists' camp-meeting saved their tents from destruction in a terrific rain by sitting all through the storm on the gay ropes of their temporary abodes. Lightning illuminated the strange scene, while the crowd sang hymns and quoted scriptural passages. The storm blew down the auditorium tent, the young people's tent and several private tents.

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Swan Bros.
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To be Closed Tomorrow.

The office of the Mutual Ice Company will be closed at noon tomorrow (the day of the firemen's parade).

U. S. Engineer Office, 920 Fifth street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Aug. 23, 1910.—Sealed proposals for dredging in Potomac River at Alexandria, Va., and at Lower Cedar Point, Md., and in Upper Machodoc and Dywiders Creeks, Va., will be received here until 12 M., September 22, 1910, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. C. LANSFORD, U. S. Col. Engrs.

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Storm Warning.
New York, Aug. 24.—The local weather bureau today received the following storm warning from Washington:

"Tropical storms central near and south of Santo Domingo, moving west by north, and apparently of considerable intensity. Unsafe for vessels in western Caribbean and region of Cuba for the next few days."

To Wed American Heiress.
New York, Aug. 24.—That another American heiress has been won by a foreign nobleman was disclosed today in the announcement from Paris of the engagement of Miss Eleanor H. Steele to Count Jean de Lagrange. Miss Steele is a daughter of Charles Steele, a partner in the J. P. Morgan banking firm, and a director in a large number of corporations. Count de Lagrange is attached to the French ministry of foreign affairs and is not wealthy.

Hoke Smith Victorious.
Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Complete returns of the primary election show today that the rule "turn about is fair play" applies in politics also. Former Governor Hoke Smith, who was defeated two years ago by Joseph M. Brown, yesterday defeated Governor Brown. The primary result means that Smith will be the next governor. Smith has a popular majority of 25,000 and will have 25 majority in the convention.

William Schley Howard defeated "Lon" Livingston for the Congressional nomination in the fifth district. The fact that Livingston bolted his party and supported Speaker Cannon in the fight on the House rules cost him hundreds of votes.

Congressmen Lee, Howard, Hardwick and Edwards are renominated.

New York Republicans.
New York, Aug. 24.—The battle for control of the New York state republic convention between Roosevelt and the "old guard" organization, began today. The chairman, Timothy Woodruff, national committee man, Wm. L. Ward, Wm. Barnes, Jr., and speaker of the assembly James W. Wadsworth Jr., and their closest lieutenants got in touch with each other by telephone or telegraph and arranged a conference at which they will perform their plans.